
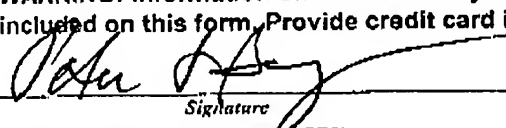


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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27						
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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to a first Office Action, and in the interest of clarifying the independent claim in the current application, please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of compressing video data having at least one frame having at least one block and each block having an array of pixels, comprising at least one of the steps of:
  - I) transforming the pixels of each block into coefficients and creating an optimal transmission order of the coefficients;
  - II) optimizing the speed of processing compressed video data by partitioning the data bitstream and coding each partition independently;
  - III) predicting fractional pixel motion by selecting an interpolation method for each given plurality of pixels depending upon at least one metric related to each given block; and or
  - IV) enhancing error recovery for a current frame using a frame prior to the frame immediately before the current frame as the only reference frame for lessening quality loss during data transmission.

**A complete listing of the claims follows the signature page of this Amendment.**